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Israel carries out air strikes in Gaza after rocket attack near Tel Aviv

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Israeli military strikes Hamas targets in Gaza.

Israel launched air strikes in the Gaza Strip on Monday after a rocket attack near Tel Aviv wounded seven people, prompting Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to cut short a visit to the United States.

Netanyahu had threatened strong retaliation for the long-range rocket salvo amid accusations from opponents in a closely contested election, two weeks away, that he has been showing weakness in the face of security challenges from Gaza militants.

"The Israel Defense Forces have begun striking Hamas terror targets throughout the Gaza Strip," the military said in a statement.

Netanyahu, who arrived in Washington on Sunday for a four-day visit, said he would fly home right after meeting President Donald Trump at the White House on Monday.

The Israeli military said Hamas, the armed Islamist group that rules Gaza, launched the rocket that destroyed a house in Mishmeret, a village north of Tel Aviv.

There was no claim of responsibility for the early-morning attack. The military said Hamas fired the rocket from about 120 km (75 miles) away, making it the longest-range attack from Gaza causing casualties since a 2014 war.

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Nitzan Shifrin, 19-year-old resident of Mishmeret

Palestinian security officials said Israeli warplanes attacked targets across the coastal enclave. Palestinian radio stations and Hamas TV played patriotic songs calling for "resistance" against Israel.

There were no immediate reports of casualties in the Gaza Strip. Many targets were likely to have been evacuated in the hours following Netanyahu's initial warning of retaliation shortly after the rocket strike.

Condemning the attack from Gaza, Trump told reporters with Netanyahu at his side that Israel has the "absolute right" to defend itself.

"Israel will not tolerate this. I will not tolerate this," Netanyahu said about the rocket strike. "And as we speak ... Israel is responding forcefully to this wanton aggression."

Israel's Magen David Adom ambulance service said it treated seven people in the Israeli village, including an infant, a 3-year-old boy, a 12-year-old girl and a 60-year-old woman who was suffering from blast injuries, burns and shrapnel wounds.

"It just made me feel really unsafe all of a sudden, which is a feeling I'm not used to," said Nitzan Shifrin, a 19-year-old resident of Mishmeret.

The Israeli military said it was assigning two brigades to the Gaza area and some reservists were being called up. Reuters witnesses saw troops moving toward the border, where the military also closed several roads to civilian traffic.

"We are prepared for a wide range of scenarios," chief spokesman Ronen Manelis said.

Israeli towns near Gaza and Tel Aviv, Israel's commercial capital, opened bomb shelters in anticipation of rocket strikes.

HIGH TENSION

The rocket attack coincided with tension ahead of the March 30 anniversary of Gaza protests that have included Palestinian attempts to breach the frontier and often lethal Israeli fire.

Gaza authorities have said that some 200 people have been killed by Israeli fire in the protests. An Israeli soldier was killed by a sniper along the frontier.

The protesters demand the right to return to land from which their ancestors fled or were expelled in fighting that accompanied Israel's founding in 1948.

Israeli-Palestinian peace talks have been frozen since 2014.

The Gaza war that year was the third between Israel and Hamas in a decade. More than 2,100 Palestinians, most of them civilians according to the Gaza health ministry, were killed in seven weeks of fighting. Sixty-six Israeli soldiers and seven civilians in Israel were killed.

Some commentators in Israel drew a link between Monday's rocket fire and recent street protests in Gaza against higher prices, demonstrations which the United Nations said triggered a Hamas campaign of arrests and violence.

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Apple spotlights services with TV, gaming offerings

2 Apple Inc. attempted to reintroduce itself on Monday as an entertainment and financial services company that also makes iPhones as it launched a streaming television service, a credit card and an online gaming arcade. The world's second-most valuable technology company lifted the curtain on a television and movie service called Apple TV+ that will stream original television shows and movies to a television-watching app for users of its 1.4 billion gadgets worldwide, as well as owners of smart TVs and other devices. But Apple, known in the tech industry for keeping its products secret until they are finished, left out key pricing details for several of its new services, unnerving investors and sending its shares down slightly. The move could be seen as a first step to challenging streaming-video leaders Netflix and Amazon.

Women diagnosed years after men for same diseases

3 For a wide range of diseases, diagnosis comes later in life for women than for men, according to a large Danish study. Researchers don't know whether the later diagnoses are due to genetics, the environment, possible biases in the health care system — or some combination of reasons. The study of health data from 6.9 million Danish people found that across hundreds of diseases, women on average were diagnosed when they were about four years older than the age at which the conditions were recognized in men. "We're not just looking at one disease here, we're looking at all diseases and we are looking at an entire population, from cradle to grave," lead author Søren Brunak from the University of Copenhagen told Reuters Health by phone. On average, women received cancer diagnoses 2.5 years after men.

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Fusion Arena in South Philly will be the first esports arena in the country.

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Comcast drops $50M on American esports arena in South Philly

Fusion Arena will be the first esports arena in the country.

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Philadelphia Flyers owners Comcast Spectacor and The Cordish Companies on Monday announced a $50 million project to build the nation's first-ever video gaming arena.

As the popularity of esports continues to surge, the 3,500-seat Fusion Arena will be home to stadium-size live video game competitions as part of the 20-team Overwatch League, according to Philly.com.

The arena will offer 2,000 square feet of interactive media surface hovering 30 feet above the crowd. Construction is set to begin this summer as an addition to the 47-acre South Philadelphia stadium complex site near Xfinity Live!, the Linc, Citizens Bank Park and the Wells Fargo Center that Comcast Spectacor currently leases. The arena will feature two balcony bars, club seats with USB ports, loge boxes and exclusive suites, plus a training facility for players.

The arena is expected to open in 2021.

"We're thrilled to introduce a venue like no other as we move forward with the next phase of development within the Philadelphia Sports Complex," Comcast Spectacor CEO Dave Scott said in a statement. "Fusion Arena gives esports fans a best-in-class venue to call home and be proud of. Beyond competitive gaming, it's a stunning facility that will host a wide array of events."

The Overwatch League has 20 franchises in China, South Korea, Canada, France, England and the U.S., in which six gamers battle six others in a game of survival. Overwatch

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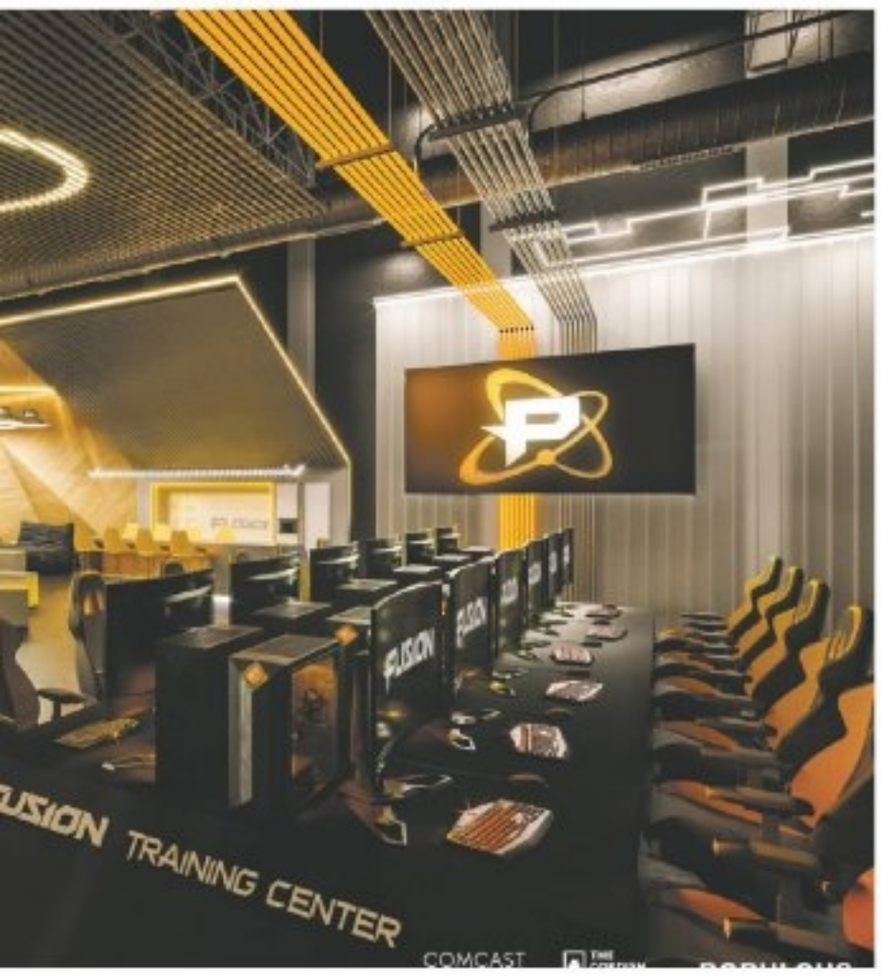
"Fusion Arena will set the gold standard for competitive gaming and debut on one of the country's most exciting platforms of sports and entertainment amid Philadelphia's professional sports teams," Blake Cordish, principal of The Cordish Companies, said in a press release. Comcast Spectacor expects to host about 120 events a year in the Fusion Arena, ranging from TED Talks and other gaming events to pop concerts.

Comcast Spectacor is also planning a $250 million renovation of the Wells Fargo Center and is looking for tenants for an $80 million, 10-story office tower located in the same complex.



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President Donald Trump.

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Republicans block US Senate Democrats' move on making Mueller report public

The Justice Department has not said whether it will release special counsel's full report.

U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell on Monday blocked a second attempt by Democrats to pass a measure aimed at prodding the Justice Department to release to the public Special Counsel Robert Mueller's report investigating Russian meddling in the 2016 U.S. presidential election.

Earlier this month, the House of Representatives voted 420-0 in favor of making the report public, with no Republican opposition.

On Sunday, Attorney General William Barr informed Congress that Mueller had concluded that President Donald Trump's campaign did not collude with Russia to influence the outcome of the 2016 election. But the probe left unresolved the question of whether Trump engaged in obstruction of justice.

years for Mueller to conduct his investigation, said: "It's not unreasonable to give the special counsel and the Justice Department just a little time to complete their review in a professional and responsible manner."

The legislation does not set a deadline for the release of the report, and merely expresses Congress' desire that it should be made publicly available.

The chairman of the House of Representatives Judiciary Committee, Jerrold Nadler, a Democrat, said on CNN on Sunday that he would "try to negotiate" with the Justice Department to obtain the full report, but the committee would issue subpoenas and litigate if needed.

Trump vented his anger on Monday at the Mueller inquiry and vowed investigations into unnamed political enemies who did "very, very evil" and "treasonous things."

"It's not unreasonable to give the special counsel and the Justice Department just a little time to complete their review in a professional and responsible manner."
Mitch McConnell, U.S. Senate majority leader

"There is no good reason not to make the report public," Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer said.

The Justice Department has not said whether it will release Mueller's full report, but Barr has said he will be as transparent as possible.

McConnell, noting that it took nearly two

Trump pledged new investigations but did not specify who would conduct them or who should be targeted. Trump in the past has called for investigations of Hillary Clinton, the Democrat he defeated in 2016. REUTERS

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Trump critic Michael Avenatti arrested in Nike extortion scam

The former lawyer for porn star Stormy Daniels is also charged with embezzlement and using fraudulent documents to obtain loans.

Michael Avenatti, the lawyer who represented adult-film star Stormy Daniels in her legal battles with U.S. President Donald Trump, was charged Monday with extortion in what a federal prosecutor called an attempt to "shake down" Nike Inc. for over $20 million.

Avenatti, who was also hit with separate federal charges of embezzlement and fraud in California, was arrested in New York and was scheduled to make his initial court appearance later in the day, authorities said.

Avenatti, who lives in Los Angeles, could not be reached for comment.

Prosecutors said Avenatti and an unnamed co-conspirator met with Nike's attorneys on March 19 and said they had a client, a former amateur athletic coach, who had evidence that Nike employees had bribed top high school players to play for Nike-sponsored teams.

A former executive at Nike rival Adidas was recently convicted in federal court in Manhattan of participating in a similar scheme, part of a sweeping probe by prosecutors of corruption surrounding the National Collegiate Athletic Association. The case, which is ongoing, has ensnared several prominent basketball coaches.

Avenatti told Nike he would go public unless it paid his client $1.5 million and hired him to conduct an internal investigation for between $15 million and $25 million, according to the complaint. Avenatti also offered to accept a $22.5 million payment for his silence, prosecutors said.

In one call, Avenatti threatened, "I'll go take 10 billion dollars off your client's market cap... I'm not f—king around," according to the complaint.

The charges were revealed shortly after Avenatti said on Twitter that he would hold a news conference on Tuesday to reveal "a major high school/college basketball scandal" that reached "the highest levels of Nike."

"A suit and tie does not mask the fact that, at its core, this was an old-

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Lawyer Michael Avenatti, who represented Stormy Daniels in her legal battles against U.S. President Donald Trump, was arrested on Monday. REUTERS

fashioned shakedown," Geoffrey Berman, the U.S. Attorney in Manhattan, said at a news conference.

Nike said in a statement that it "will not be extorted" and alerted investigators to Avenatti's demands immediately.

Federal prosecutors in California unveiled separate charges against Avenatti on Monday, accusing him of misusing a client's $1.6 million settlement to pay for his own expenses as well as those for his coffee business.

He was also charged with defrauding a Mississippi bank of $4.1 million in loans by submitting false tax returns for 2011-2013 that inflated his income.

Avenatti faces up to 30 years in prison on the most serious charge in California and up to 20 years for the top charge in New York.

He gained international notoriety for representing Daniels, the porn star whom Trump is accused of paying off shortly before the 2016 election to keep quiet about an alleged affair. Trump has denied having an affair with Daniels, whose real name is Stephanie Clifford.

Daniels, who is no longer represented by Avenatti, 48, said she was "saddened but not shocked" by his arrest.

"I made the decision more than a month ago to terminate Michael's services after discovering that he had dealt with me extremely dishonestly," Daniels said on Twitter.

Avenatti became one of Trump's most visible foils as a result of the Daniels scandal, frequently appearing on cable television and publicly flirting with a presidential campaign.

His arrest came a day after the U.S. attorney general released a summary of Special Counsel Robert Mueller's findings clearing the president's 2016 campaign of conspiring with Russia.

Prosecutors dismissed any suggestion that Monday's charges were politically motivated.

"This office doesn't take politics into account when it decides to pursue a case," Berman said. REUTERS

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Tiniest US preemies more likely to end up in lower-quality NICUs

Researchers found that black infants were more likely than white infants to receive care in a lower-scoring neonatal intensive care unit.

In a large national study that included nearly 90 percent of all preterm and low-birth-weight babies born in the U.S. in a recent three-year period, researchers found that black infants were more likely than white infants to receive care in a lower-scoring neonatal intensive care unit (NICU).

The hospital's quality of care is directly related to deaths and complications in newborns, said study coauthor Erika Edwards of the University of Vermont. Complications commonly seen in premature babies can have lifelong consequences. For example, she said, "Chronic lung disease is related to asthma, which is already an issue in minority populations. And brain injury can cause developmental delays."

To look more closely at the possibility that race and/or ethnicity play a role in where the most fragile infants got care and whether some sort of segregation was going on in NICUs across the nation, Edwards and her colleagues turned to the Vermont Oxford Network, an organization that collects data from hospital NICUs worldwide. Edwards is also director of data science for the network.

Network members contribute standardized data on all infants born after only 22 to 29 weeks of pregnancy or weighing 401 grams to 1500 grams (about 14 ounces to about 3 pounds).

"Chronic lung disease is related to asthma, which is already an issue in minority populations."
Erika Edwards

As reported in JAMA Pediatrics, the researchers focused on 134,871 infants born from January 2014 to December 2016. Some were born at hospitals with NICUs; others had to be transferred to these more sophisticated facilities.

NICU quality was determined based on nine factors including infant mortality during birth hospitalization; health care-associated bacterial or fungal infection; and chronic lung disease.

Overall there were 743 hospitals in the study, with 38 contributing one year of data, 28 contributing two years of data and 677 contributing data for three years. Among infants whose treatment was examined in the study, 36,359 were black, 53,895 were white, 21,808 were Hispanic and 5,920 were Asian.

When the researchers analyzed the quality of hospitals where the very-low-birth-weight babies ended up, they found that minorities tended to end up at different hospitals than whites and that black babies were more likely to be treated at a lower-quality NICU than white babies.

Edwards doesn't know yet why black infants are more likely to end up at a lower-quality NICU and says that is a topic for future research. "Black people don't always end up at the closest hospital to them," she said. "And we don't necessarily know why. Certainly there are a number of theories. It could be related to insurance and which hospitals accept which insurance. Where deliveries occur could depend on whether a physician has (is authorized) to deliver at a particular hospital."

While there have been smaller studies showing similar results, this is the first to look at "the national picture," said Dr. Elizabeth Howell, director of the Blavatnik Family Women's Health Research Institute and coauthor of an editorial accompanying the new study. REUTERS

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Have you ever called a business with a complaint and the person who answers the phone isn't the right person, and you explain the problem to this person and they tell you they have to transfer you to a different department, and then you have to tell your story all over again? Then, this person tells you you have the wrong department or they can't help you and transfer you to a different department, and guess what? You wind up telling the same story over again to a different person. I really hate this. It seems like I am a tape recorder. Can you please transfer me to the right department so I can stop repeating myself? Thank you.

— **Cynthia**, *Metro US reader*

FEET ON THE SEAT

As I got on the subway car, I saw a white sneaker on a seat. A "lovely-looking" teenage girl had put her left foot on the longer seat across from where she sat to the side. Not wanting to get upset, I moved to the back of the train to avoid seeing her foot, wondering, would she want to sit on a seat where someone's dirty shoe had been?

Safely away from the white sneaker, I looked up and there sat a young boy across from me, in a private-school outfit and beautiful coat. He was taking up two seats sitting sideways, with one knee bent so that his left foot was directly on the subway seat where some other poor person would eventually sit.

Who told these two teenagers that they could do this? They looked so nice but their actions said otherwise. Did the young man's private school teach this? Would the young woman want someone to do this to her?

What are people thinking (or mostly not thinking)?

— **Mary Pat Kane**, *Metro US reader*

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Leo Make better choices when it comes to money, partnerships and your health. Don't follow the crowd or take unnecessary risks. Work at your own speed and explore what truly interests you.

Virgo Keep your life simple, straightforward and doable. Make changes that will enhance your mind, body and soul. Pour your energy into achieving your goals and making a difference.

Libra Taking a day trip or having a heart-to-heart discussion will be eye-opening. Mull over what you discover and make adjustments to your life that will give you freedom and peace of mind.

Scorpio Fixing up your place will give you the push you need to enjoy spending more time at home with good friends and loved ones. Incorporate changes that make your life simpler.

Sagittarius Don't let your emotions run wild and your gullibility lead to costly mistakes. Dig deep, get the facts and make wise choices. Don't let emotions interfere with common sense.

Capricorn A positive change at home will encourage you to make personal physical changes as well. Take better care of your health and emotional well-being. Change begins within.

Aquarius Take pride in what you do. Don't get involved in an impossible pursuit just because someone is putting pressure on you. Explore your interests, not someone else's.

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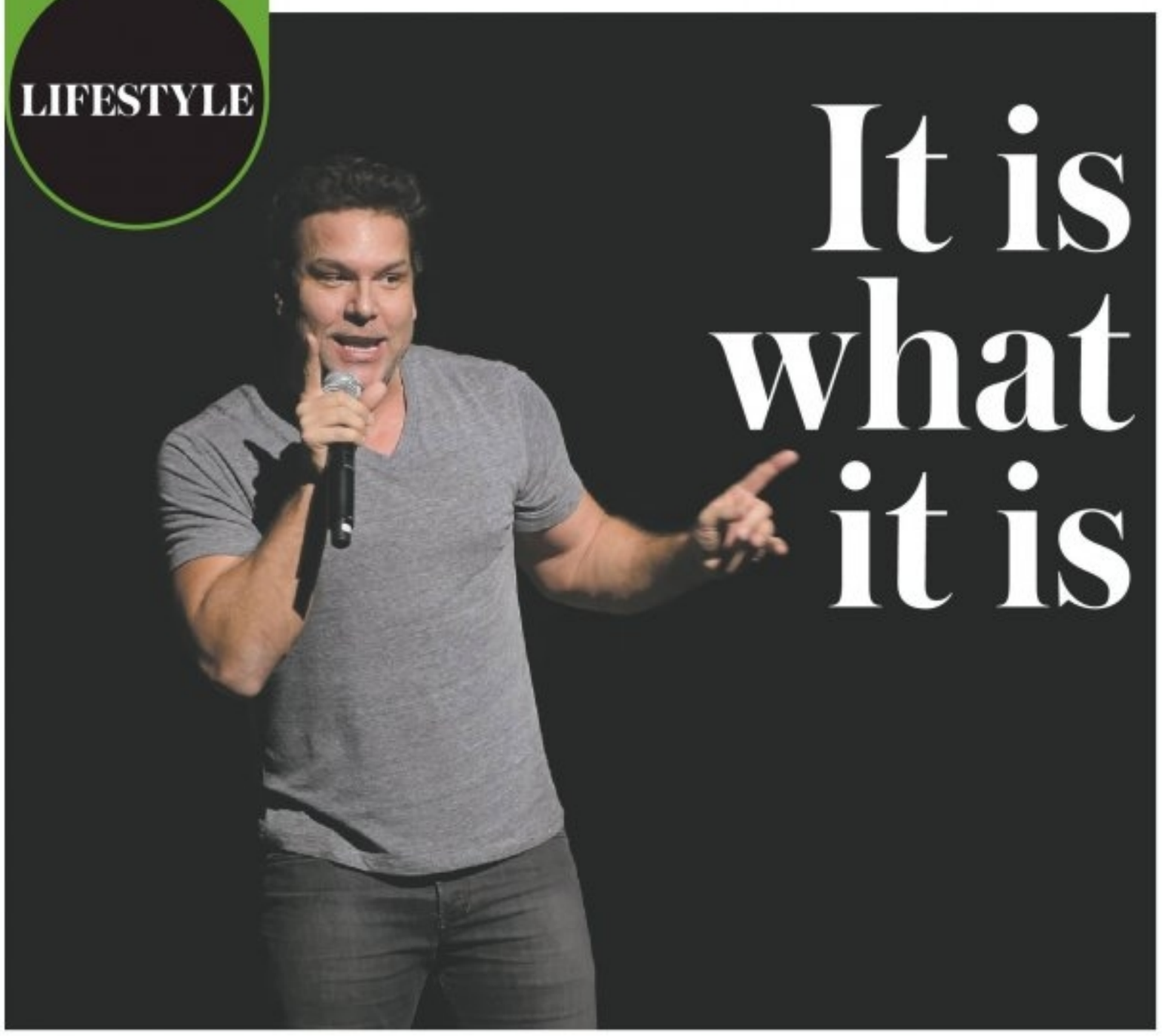

It is what it is

Dane Cook is bringing his "Tell It Like It Is Tour" to Philly this week.

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Dane Cook has always told it like it is. The 47-year-old was once seen as the comedy world's most polarizing figure, and despite a few tumultuous years in both his professional and personal lives, Cook has nothing but good things to say about his future, specifically his new comedy tour. Many thought the Cambridge native was done with touring, and were even surprised to hear that he was hitting the road again, but Cook has never put down the mic. He simply was focusing on what made him feel inspired again, and the result is his "Tell It Like It Is Tour," which undoubtedly will be his best one yet.

So what has Cook been up to since his last big tour six years ago? "Truth be told, it was more of a period of my life where I chose to focus on making films, writing, producing and working on my book, but I never stopped doing stand-up," says Cook. "I've still done full-fledged tours, just not ones that were highly promoted."

Cook is bringing his latest tour to the City of Brotherly Love at the new Met Philadelphia venue this Saturday, March 30, and the comedian is feeling better than ever. "Over the last year and a half, my material started getting so verbose. It truly felt like I was having — almost similar to when I first broke through — this explosion of ideas and things were coming to me so quickly," Cook says. "I am finally almost 30 years in, at the pedigree I've always aspired to be. I never felt like I had all the tools. I always felt like I was good at just some stuff. So when I finally felt seasoned, all these things started to click. Also, feeling so present and happy in my life in general, I was just, like,

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wow, I think I want to do this again, full force."

The seasoned professional sprinkled in a bit of acting, added a dash of writing and threw in a directing gig to get to where he is now. "Really it came from an organic amount of time in my life and career where stand-up was just stand-up for the love of it again. As opposed to 10 to 15 years ago, when it was the machine of stand-up or the business of stand-up," Cook says.

Although comedy is a bit of a minefield, especially in today's social climate, Cook is unafraid to continue to be who he is or say what he feels. To him, it's not about being censored, it's more about intentions.

"We definitely are in a time where things are more politically correct and charged up and opinionated. I think that from where I'm standing, I feel like the comedians I see, the ones that can manage those caustic conversations —if it's not coming from a place of malice, then anything can be funny. I think our bullsh–t detectors are a lot better than they used to be. I think the stuff that isn't funny isn't because it's not well-crafted or it's coming from a person who might be misogynist or racist," says Cook. "Our detectors can say, 'This guy over here is mean and he's unfair, whereas this guy over here is coming from a place with no malice and there's no secondary hidden subliminal message in it.' I think the right man or woman onstage on any given night can be as politically incorrect as they want to and need to be if it's coming from a very honest place to them."

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Cook also understands that sometimes you do have to rock the boat no matter whom it may offend or piss off, not for the shock value anymore but simply because comedy is not supposed to hold back, not even a little. "I think I've covered every topic that is taboo, and I think there's probably a point in every young comedian's career where we feel like we've gotta push it to the limit and see if we can talk about some of those stinger conversations. That's the challenge."

Cook has taken on that challenge his whole career, all while reaping the benefits and suffering the consequences. "I've sometimes lost that challenge with pieces of material over the years, but I'm proudest to say in 29 years, I've never done or said anything that has malice. Never something I look back on and say, ugh, that was deplorable. I could maybe look back and think, maybe that wasn't the sharpest notion, but I am pleased to say I don't cringe looking back at something that I thought would hurt someone's feelings today."

Cook's "Tell It Like It Is" tour is not a comeback, not a swan song or even an attempt to be "popular" again. Cook doesn't need that — he has accumulated such a strong fan base throughout his career that it only makes sense that he return to the art form that originally kickstarted him into stardom. "Stand-up is always going to be at the center of who I am. I just love it, I love live performances. Just the way that stand-up is so untethered from any other cooperation or system — it's such a pure art form. It's for me again, I'm really having the time of my life."

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"The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" will be at Walnut Street until April 28. ALL PHOTOS WALNUT STREET THEATRE

"The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" is a very curious story, indeed. The award-winning play follows 15-year-old Christopher Boone, who has quite a unique personality. The highly intelligent teenager doesn't comprehend emotions or understand the actions of others easily, making his daily interactions with the world around him more tumultuous. One night, Boone discovers that his neighbor's dog has died under mysterious circumstances and he delves into an investigative journey that leads him to discover a lot more than he originally anticipated.

"The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" is based on the 2003 novel by Mark Haddon. Haddon originally wrote the story with the belief that it could never be adapted for the stage due to Christopher's complex personality. But a few years after "The Curious Incident" came out, Haddon approached his friend and playwright Simon Stephens to bring the colorful story to life.

"He has a serious difficulty with life in that he really doesn't empathize with other human beings," said Haddon in a release. "He can't read their faces. He can't put himself in their shoes. And he can't understand anything more than the literal meaning of whatever's said to him."

The show was an immediate hit after it opened in 2012, winning seven Olivier Awards, five Tony Awards including Best Play, and was lauded as "a demonstration of the power of theater to transport us to exotic places" by Richard Zoglin of Time Magazine.

It can be tough to imagine a story from the point of view of a character who doesn't process emotions in a relatable way, but the Walnut Street Theatre has absolutely knocked it out of the park. The set is magnificent and unlike anything you have ever seen before. Audiences truly delve into the mind of Christopher Boone through

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a magical set that uses projections and stage magic. The design and use of props are incredible and add another entertaining layer to an already impressive story.

Eighteen-year-old Austin Nedrow takes on the lead role of Christopher Boone, and his talent shines incredibly bright every second he is onstage. Nedrow makes Boone's character likable, funny, daring and even adventurous, all while staying true to the character's quirks and unique personality traits. Nedrow's performance is quite stellar and his career is one to keep an eye on.

Walnut Street veterans Ian Merrill Peakes and wife Karen also take on major roles in the show, playing Christopher's parents. The couple shine onstage together and wrap audiences into the world of the Boone family, adding the emotional component that Christopher's character does not possess. The rest of the cast is full of seasoned Philly stage pros including Greg Wood, Susan Riley Stevens, Sarah Gliko, Dan Hodge, Justin Lujan and Jane Ridley. Even though they are not always front and center, the ensemble truly makes "The Curious Incident" immensely special.

Austin Nedrow takes on the role of Christopher Boone.

Director Bill Van Horn has assembled all of the variables of the stage show magnificently. The use of props, cast, stage magic and timing is so intricate and exact you can't help but be awed when you sit in the audience and watch this impressive work of art unfold on stage.

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Disney classic "Dumbo" returns to theaters 78 years after its 1941 premiere. This time, a live-action version directed by Tim Burton seeks to send a message in favor of animal rights. The film stars Michael Keaton, Eva Green, Collin Farrell and Danny DeVito. DeVito chatted with Metro about his participation and expressed how excited and happy he is to be part of this project.

DANIEL CASILLAS, MWN

What do you feel about being part of this new version of "Dumbo"?
I'm really excited to be part of Disney's "Dumbo." It's really fantastic. Look at this guy [points to an image of Dumbo]. He's such a great guy, and he's been doing press with me all day long. He's not tired at all.

Anyway, I was very excited when Tim Burton called me and said he was doing his version of "Dumbo." I was really thrilled to be part of it. I have always had a good time working with Tim. He is an artist, a visual artist, and you know, all the people in the movie — Michael Keaton, Eva Green and Collin Farrell — we all had a great great time over there.

"We were fortunate to have an elephant that never complained about working overtime, because it's a CGI elephant."

Did you see the original movie when you were a kid?
Yes. When I was a little boy, I saw it at the movie theater. I don't remember exactly when, but my sister took me to the movie and I think it was very sensitive. Anyway, it's exciting to be part of this because I would've been very, very upset if I couldn't do this part. You know what I mean? Every once in a while something comes along that you just don't want to miss. And, you know, actors always go through — you know, sometimes you get a part, sometimes you don't. Sometimes you really wish that you didn't say no. So I had three months of a great time in London. It was really beautiful to watch Tim work.

You play a circus man. What do you think about your character?
Max Medici is a very care-giving guy. He cares about his circus, but you know it's a very tough time in that period for the circus. He cares about people who populate the circus — his clowns, jugglers, strong men, Miss Atlantis, all the people in the circus. There is a team and [they] become his family, and so it's a good character.

One of the main topics is animal abuse and the use of wild animals in shows. What is your opinion on that?
Yeah. There are two things about that. I mean, in the story we make a statement about that. In fact, without giving it all way, all the people who are animal activists, who feel that [there] shouldn't be any animals in the circus, are going to love this movie. That's the first thing. The second thing is that the only real animals in our movie were snakes and dogs. And the dogs were beautiful, they were very happy.

What about Dumbo?
We were fortunate to have an elephant that never complained about working overtime, because it's a CGI elephant [laughs]. So, everything was good. I can't believe how real he looks, and when you see the way they do it, all the process is amazing. I saw Dumbo come to life over the months I was there.

Why do you think people should go to the movies to see "Dumbo"?
I think there is going to be entertainment. Take everybody, take the kids, the grandparents — everybody should come to see the movie. It's really enjoyable.

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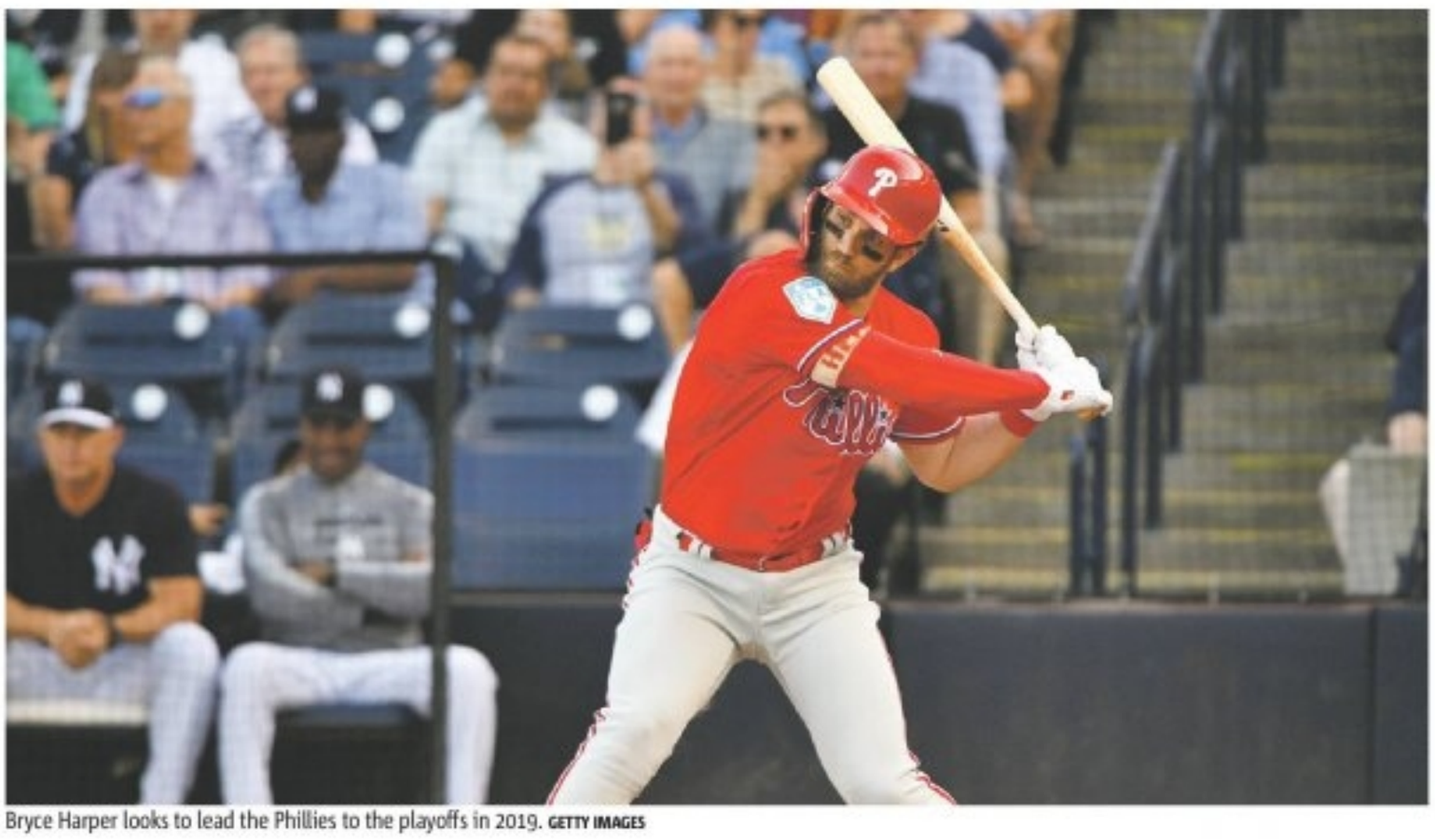
Bryce Harper looks to lead the Phillies to the playoffs in 2019. GETTY IMAGES

After a stunningly aggressive offseason, the Phils are projected by Vegas to win 89.5 games in 2019. Do you go over or under? Here's a handy guide. For each of these 13 questions that you answer "yes" to, add two wins to that total. For each "no," subtract two.

1. Let's start with the big one. Will the new $330 million man, Bryce Harper, stay healthy and happy enough to put together a year resembling his 2015 and 2017 seasons, when he averaged .325 with an OPS of 1.064?

2. I'm banking on Aaron Nola to repeat what he did in 2018. But I'm also counting on a bounce-back season from Jake Arrieta. Now that Jake's mystery meniscus injury has healed, can the former Cy Young winner be counted on for 30 solid starts and an ERA no higher than 3.20?

3. Remember when 3B Maikel Franco was projected to be a star? Those days disappeared, mostly in a flurry of pop-ups to short. Can the once-bright 25-year-old prospect turn his career around?

4. All the analytics types in the Phils' organization predict 26-year-old Nick Pivetta is poised to be an upper-echelon starter. Are they on to something?

5. There were whispers in 2018 that Andrew McCutchen was wearing down. Then he went to the Yankees at the trade deadline and put up a slash line of .253/.421/.471. The 32-year-old clubhouse leader still has it, right?

6. Quick: Name the Phils' pitching coach. Yeah, I needed to look it up, too. Still, as little as you know about 37-year-old Chris Young, is it fair to expect the first-time Major League pitching coach will be an improvement over the likes of Rick Kranitz and Bob McClure?

7. Ladies and gentlemen, your starting catcher for the 2019 All-Star Game: J.T. Realmuto. Agree?

8. Gabe Kapler's first season at the helm certainly had its ups and downs. Now, Kapler's dugout is packed with talent. Will the New Age activist be able to sit back and let things unfold, suppressing his instinct to overmanage?

9. Speaking of Kapler, he appears not wedded to using one closer and is likely to rotate between veteran lefty David Robertson and young righty Seranthony Dominguez. Is this going to prove a smart strategy?

10. No Phillie is guilty of more boneheaded plays than Odubel Herrera, whose offense, defense and base stealing have declined over the last two years. Is this the season the golden-dreadlocked CF turns that around?

11. Jean Segura averaged .308 with 25 steals and 91 runs the past three seasons. But the Phillies are the 29-year-old's fifth Major League franchise. Will the well-traveled shortstop finally find a home where he fits in at Citizen's Bank Park?

12. We've seen the annual promise and disappointment that is Vince Velasquez. And we watched Zach Eflin fade last season, with a 5.43 ERA in his last 14 starts. I won't get greedy here: Can we count on either of these guys to perform in 2019?

13. I saved the best for last. While everyone's talking about the new acquisitions, Rhys Hoskins may be poised for an MVP season. He'll be comfortable at 1B and in batting in the middle of a packed lineup. Let's put Hoskins down for 40 homers and 110 RBIs. You with me?

Okay, pencils down. What's your count? I'll go "yes" on 1, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11 and 13. That adds six wins, which puts the Phils at 95.5. I'll round it up to 96, which sounds to me like a division winner. See you in the playoffs.

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Chances are that your black-market bookie has never heard of the word "refund."

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Normally, the bettor would be screwed. But many of these new sportsbooks are playing nice with bettors in order to gain trust.

FanDuel Sportsbook in New Jersey also did this a couple months back following the Eagles–Bears playoff game. The "double doink" field goal miss by Cody Parkey was cruel not just for Chicago fans but for those who bet the moneyline on the Bears. Because of how close it was to being a win for Bears bettors, FanDuel wound up dishing out a "bad beat credit" for up to $100.

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TWEET OF THE DAY

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Miami Marlins 2019 regular-season win total

Nothing Philly related on the board today so here's a play from the NL East. Three MLB teams lost 100+ games last season and this Miami team is worse on paper than all of them. They lost 98 games last season and now their best player, J.T. Realmuto, is playing here in Philly. The other four teams in the NL East made major offseason improvements and we don't see any way where the Marlins don't lose 100 games, so under their regular-season win total is our play for Tuesday.

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Betting on baseball continues to grow quickly and is expected to be a $1.5 billion regulated betting market for the 2019 season. The main reason why betting on baseball is becoming popular is the vast frequency of regular-season games (2430 in MLB vs. 256 in the NFL).

There are a variety of bets available to make on a baseball game, but backing a team on the moneyline is easiest baseball bet to understand as you simply pick one team to win.

In each MLB game there is a favorite and an underdog. The favorite is the team that the oddsmakers project to win. Their odds are represented by a minus sign followed by a three-digit number (Phillies -150). The underdog is the team the oddsmakers project to lose and their team odds are represented by a plus sign followed by a three-digit number (Mets +130).

Here's how the betting works in this example. Bet/risk $150 on Phillies (the favorite) to win $100 or bet/risk $100 on the Mets (the underdog) to win $130.

The sportsbook oddsmaker uses a variety of data and stats to set the line, however baseball odds are predominately determined by the starting pitchers.

For instance, when a pitcher like the Phillies' Aaron Nola (with a record of 17-6 in the 2018 season) is the starting pitcher, the Phillies will most often be the favorite.

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Arguing about whether Giannis Antetokounmpo of the Milwaukee Bucks or James Harden of the Houston Rockets is this season's Most Valuable Player in the NBA may be fun for fans or pundits. It can be a headache for proposition bettors at stores offering MVP voting. You have to bet on how you believe a panel of sportswriters and sportscasters will define the murky word "valuable."

At least, when betting point spreads, you can look at the scoreboard!

The scoreboard will matter tonight when Houston visits Milwaukee (TNT, 8 p.m.). That showcase showdown matters to both teams. And it will provide a great opportunity for bettors to evaluate the playoff readiness of both personnel rotations. Though it's a mathematical long shot at the moment, this could conceivably be a preview of this summer's championship round.

✱ At stake for Milwaukee: The Bucks currently own the best record in the NBA, which would mean No. 1 seed and home court perks in the Eastern brackets and NBA finals. Those aren't clinched with eight games to go in the regular season. Six of Milwaukee's last eight games are against playoff contenders. Milwaukee does have an ace in the hole, though: a tie-breaker edge over Toronto in the East.

✱ At stake for Houston: The Rockets are currently neck-and-neck with the Portland Trail Blazers for the No. 3 and No. 4 seeds in the West. Handicappers will have to watch the upper half of the West very closely. If Golden State continues to play like top seed doesn't matter, it might be better to finish fourth than third. Both the Rockets and Blazers would prefer to be in Denver's half of the Western bracket to push back a playoff series with Golden State as long as possible.

Milwaukee isn't just best in the league straight up right now. It also has the best winning percentage against the spread at just over 60 percent. Betting markets have underestimated the talent and drive of this team all season. "Young and hungry" isn't interested in pacing itself for the playoffs. The Bucks soared past their "regular-season win total" of 48.5 wins back on March 7 with a 117-98 blowout of Indiana.

Houston has been battling injuries all season while pacing itself. The Rockets would have to cover every remaining game just to get close to break-even after factoring in the standard 10 percent vigorish. Houston is already a loser against its projected win total of 56.5. Winning out wouldn't even get there. (Note that Golden State, Boston, the Lakers, New Orleans, Washington, Cleveland, Phoenix and New York are also locked in as "win total" losers with two weeks left. Cashing Over bets alongside Milwaukee already are Brooklyn, Atlanta, Orlando, Portland, the Clippers and Sacramento.)

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During this NCAA Tournament respite leading to the Sweet 16, it's a good time for sports bettors to start mapping out a plan of attack for the NBA Playoffs. You'll be seeing a lot of Antetokounmpo, Harden and many other NBA superstars throughout the championship chase. Are you in playoff form? JEFF FOGLE

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More MLB Over/Under win totals

With MLB's Opening Day drawing closer, MetroBet dives into the futures market, specifically win totals, for a two-pack of plays.

INDIANS: 90.5 WINS

In order for Over bettors to cash on Cleveland this season, Terry Francona's crew will have to at least match their 2018 win total of 91. That may not be possible after the discouraging offseason the Tribe had.

Cleveland let All-Star outfielder Michael Brantley walk to the Astros in free agency and didn't really replace him. The top three outfielders on their depth chart are Tyler Naquin, Leonys Martin and Jordan Luplow. The most homers any of them has hit in a season was 15 (Martin in 2016). The Indians also downgraded by swapping first baseman Edwin Encarnacion with the Mariners for old friend Carlos Santana, who exits a down year in Philadelphia. Shortstop Francisco Lindor, who may not be ready for Opening Day due to a calf strain, can only carry this lineup so far.

The verdict:
Indians Under 90.5 wins

TWINS: 83.5 WINS

The first year in the post-Joe Mauer era should be a positive one for the Twins.

Minnesota upgraded its lineup in the offseason without mortgaging long-term plans, as the Twins inked second baseman Jonathan Schoop, third baseman Ronald Torreyes, designated hitter/right fielder Nelson Cruz and utility man Marwin Gonzalez to short-term deals. Having more reliable bats in the lineup should help onetime uber-prospects Miguel Sano and Byron Buxton in their attempts to bounce back off respective 2018 swoons.

The verdict:
Twins Over 83.5 wins

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Flyers' season all but done after recent woes

Goalie issues, poor home play highlight Flyers' disappointing season.

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The Flyers' recent struggles have ended any real hopes of making the playoffs. GETTY IMAGES

The final nail in the proverbial coffin of the 2018-19 Flyers was delivered over the weekend after a pair of losses to the New York Islanders and Washington Capitals.

Philadelphia is now eight points out of the final Eastern Conference wild-card spot, currently inhabited by the Montreal Canadiens, with six games remaining and an additional team in the Columbus Blue Jackets to jump just to get there.

It certainly isn't looking good.

Then again, it's pretty remarkable that they are still even this close so late in the season.

If you went back to Jan. 8 and said that the Flyers would not be mathematically eliminated from postseason contention with fewer than 10 games to go in the regular season, you would not have believed it.

Head coach Dave Hakstol and general manager Ron Hextall were fired, eight different goalies received starts (which is an NHL record), and new head coach Scott Gordon along with replacement GM Chuck Fletcher went just 2-7-2 over their first 11 games together in Philadelphia as the Flyers dropped to 15-22-6 on the season and to dead last in the East.

At least there was a consolation prize in the form of a possible No. 1 pick in the draft that would have become Jack Hughes.

But the introduction and steady presence of 20-year-old Carter Hart in goal since December did help turn things around. He backstopped a majority of the team's victories in an eight-game winning streak and had a personal stretch in which he won 10 of 11 starts. Veteran Brian Elliott created a solid enough tandem to at least ease some of the tension at the position during the second half of the season,

The Flyers were the hottest team in the NHL, going 18-4-2 over a nearly two-month span that put them within three points of a playoff spot with 13 games remaining.

Even when times were good, there were still some sizable blows sustained as veteran forward Wayne Simmonds, considered by many to be the heart and soul of the team, was traded to the Nashville Predators at the deadline.

Yet the Flyers kept winning, which temporarily masked the team's disorganization on defense, its lack of scoring from their wingers, and an inability to win at home. But Hart's injuries and struggles down the stretch brought it all back to light.

The Flyers have lost five of their last seven games and have won just three times at Wells Fargo Center since Feb. 19. It's continued a miserable brand of play at home in which they collected just 40 points in Philadelphia this season, the fewest of any team in the Metropolitan Division.

That's simply not good enough to make the playoffs as Fletcher will have quite a checklist of improvements to make heading into his first offseason as Flyers general manager.

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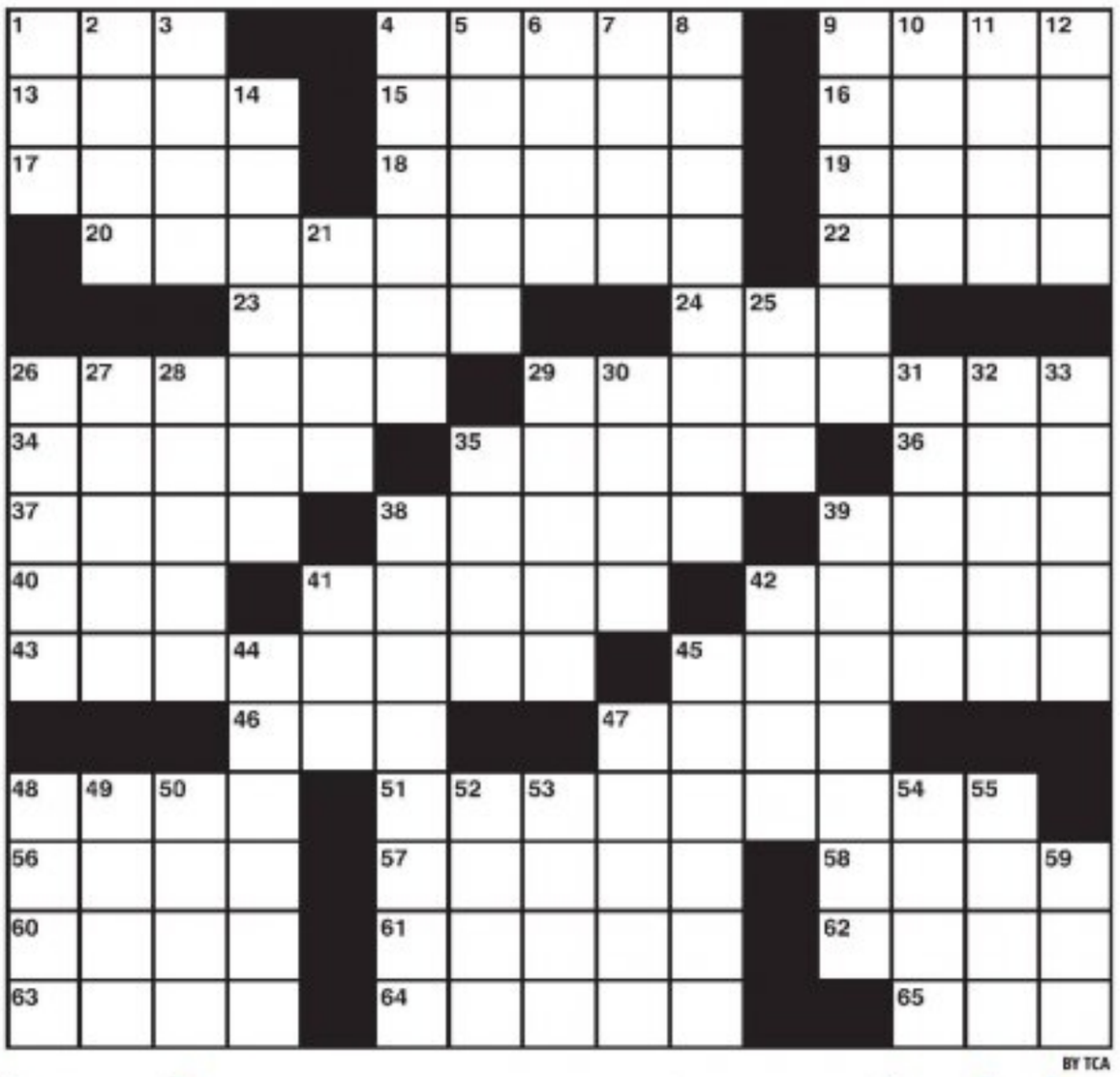

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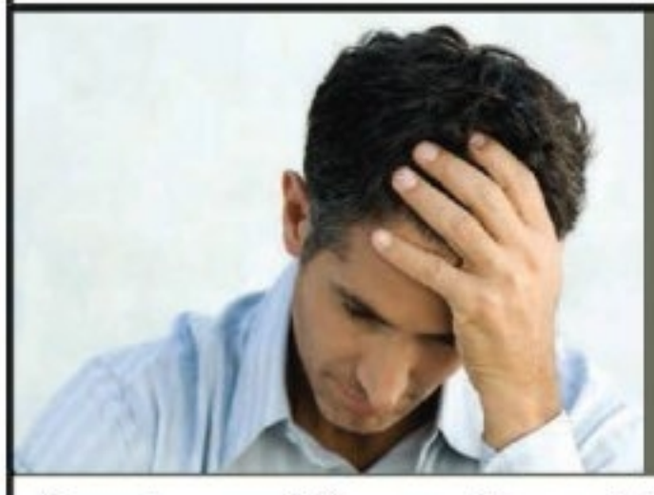

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